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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 09/974,931 | HSU ET AL. |
| | Examiner Salvatore Cangialosi | Art Unit 3621 |

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1. This communication is responsive to 02/03/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. The drawings filed on 10/09/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 02/03/2005
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Regarding independent claims 1, the prior art fails to show a method for generating a ticket representing a selection of media files transferred from a content server to a playback device including receiving a selection of one or more media files transferred to a particular playback device; receiving device identifying information for the particular playback device; and generating a ticket based on the device identifying information, where the ticket is redeemable for the selected media files and the media files are formatted so that they are only rendered on the particular playback device in the manner and complexity recited by the claims. Regarding independent claim 13, the prior art fails to show a method for redeeming a ticket representing a selection of media files transferred from a content server to a playback device, including receiving a ticket redeemable for one or more media files, the ticket including device identifying information for a particular playback device to which the media files are transferred; receiving device identifying information from the particular playback device to which the media files are transferred; validating the ticket using the device identifying information included in the ticket and the device identifying information from the particular playback device; formatting the selected media files for the particular playback device if the ticket is valid; and transferring the formatted media files from the content server to the particular playback device in the manner

and complexity recited by the claims. Regarding independent claim 22, the prior art fails to show a content server for generating a ticket representing a selection of media files transferred from a content server to a playback device, including means for receiving a selection of one or more media files transferred to a particular playback device; means for receiving device identifying information for the particular playback device; and means for generating a ticket based on the device identifying information, where the ticket is redeemable for the selected media files and the media files are formatted so that they are only rendered on the particular playback device in the manner and complexity recited by the claims. Regarding independent claim 23 the prior art fails to show a content server for redeeming a ticket representing a selection of media files transferred from a content server to a playback device, including means for receiving a ticket redeemable for one or more media files the ticket including device identifying information for a particular playback device to which the media files are transferred; means for receiving device identifying information from the particular playback device to which the media files are to be transferred; means for validating the ticket using the device identifying information included in the ticket and the device identifying information from the particular playback device; means for formatting the selected media files for the particular playback device if the ticket is valid; and means for transferring the formatted media files from the content server to the particular playback device in the manner

and complexity recited by the claims. While the elements are separately known in the prior art, the combination is novel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and to avoid processing delays should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Salvatore Cangialosi at telephone number (703) 305-1837. The examiner can normally be reached 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell, can be reached at (703) 305-9768.

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